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1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1999

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 1994/33 on the operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council, will consider a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1999. The Council's attention is drawn to paragraph 62 of General Assembly resolution 53/– concerning the triennial policy review, in which the Assembly invited the Council at its substantive session of 1999, to consider, *inter alia*, the issues of poverty eradication and capacity-building (see A/53/610, para. 13, draft resolution I).

Distribution of seats on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

In its decision 1998/285, the Council decided to continue consideration of the issue of the review of the distribution of seats on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme with a view to arriving at a recommendation to the General Assembly during a resumed substantive session of the Council but no later than by the beginning of the substantive work of the Second Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

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Elections

In its resolution 1998/47, the Council decided to hold, at its resumed substantive session of 1998, elections for the composition of the Committee for Development Policy, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

Attention is drawn to the note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire concerning the enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Confirmations

The Council will confirm representatives on its functional commissions.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 24 experts to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (E/1998/L.1/Add.18, Add.20, Add.21, Add.23 and Add.24)

Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 33 members to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/1998/L.1/Add.19)

Note by the Secretary-General on the appointment of members of the Committee for Development Policy (E/1998/L.1/Add.22)

Note verbale dated 13 August 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1998/97)

Note by the Secretary-General on confirmations (E/1998/L.2/Add.3)

Non-governmental organizations

In its resolution 53/– on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (see A/53/619, para. 10), the General Assembly recalled the interim measures put forward by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1997/298 of 23 July 1997 for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women with a view to their application for the forty-third session and recommended that the Council extend their application to the forty-third session of the Commission. It further recommended that the Council decide that the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, as well as the non-governmental organizations that participated in the Fourth World Conference on Women whose applications for consultative status with the Council were still under consideration, might participate in the sessions of the Commission meeting in 1999 and 2000 as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly, which will take place from 5 to 9 June 2000.

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

At its resumed substantive session of 1997, the Council decided to continue its consideration of this item and to continue the review of subsidiary bodies of the Council as mandated by the General Assembly in resolution 50/227 and subsequent resolutions, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the question to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 1998 (decision 1997/322).

At its fifty-second session, the General Assembly invited the Council to consider, at its organizational and substantive sessions in 1998, the recommendations of the Secretary-

General relating to the reform of its subsidiary bodies, including a time-frame for implementation of its decisions thereon, as well as his recommendations relating to the organization and methods of work of the Council, and to report thereon to the Assembly as early as possible during its fifty-second session. The Assembly also invited the Council to conduct a general review of the regional commissions at its substantive session of 1998 in order to consider the competencies of the regional commissions, and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly before the end of its fifty-second session (resolution 52/12 B).

At its substantive session of 1998, the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the joint exploratory review of cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/227, annex I, paragraph 88. The joint United Nations/Bretton Woods institutions meeting was held in New York on 18 April 1998.

At its substantive session of 1998, the Council adopted resolution 1998/46 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields. It was also agreed that the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B, as well as the report of the Secretary-General on the joint United Nations/Bretton Woods institutions review, would be subject to informal consultations before a resumed session of the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (A/53/137–E/1998/66)

Report of the Secretary-General on the joint exploratory review of cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions (E/1998/61)

Consolidated report on the outcome of the functional commissions of the Council (E/1998/CRP.5)

14. Social and human rights questions

(g) Human rights questions

At its 47th meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Council invited the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to provide updated information on its requests, as contained in draft decisions I to IV recommended by the Committee at its sixteenth session; it decided that no action was required on draft decision IV since the dates for the meeting requested had passed (decision 1998/293). To date, the Council has received no further information from the Committee.